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1. General:

- a. During December 1954, an intensive effort was made to complete the main airfield installations and heavy construction before severe frosts curtailed further development. By hiring approximately 50 additional workers to supplement the existing total of 550 men employed by the Bau-Union Brandenburg, it was possible to complete on schedule the concreting of the runway, the taxi-tracks and a series of 50 dispersal points by the target date of 20 December. A bonus of 7,000 eastmarks was paid out to the employees.
- b. All Bau-Union Brandenburg personnel were being transferred to other projects, with the majority going to Querfurt where Oberbauleiter Mueck, formerly in charge of the Tutow project, had already arrived. A further party of between 50 and 60 workers was moving to the Ahrenshoop project, where Henrichsen, formerly of the Bau-Union Wismar, had been appointed Oberbauleiter. Small crews, together with heavy equipment which included one Diesel locomotive, were transferred to Eggesin during early January 1955.
- c. The Bau-Union Reichsbahn, with a work force of 150 to 160 men, remained on the airfield after the departure of the Bau-Union Brandenburg, in order to complete the building program of workshops, houses, the fuel depot and the ammunition dump. This final building program was scheduled to be completed by 1 March 1955.

2. Fuel Depot:

Work on the new fuel depot situated in the southeast corner of the airfield was held up because of inclement weather. Four concrete beds were prepared, each measuring approximately 15 meters by 15 meters, and in each of them ten 24,000-liter fuel tanks were embedded, with the upper surface of the tanks

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approximately on ground level. The tanks were placed in two rows of five each within the excavations, the excavations themselves being spaced in the form of a square, approximately 15 to 20 meters apart. Soil was shoveled back into each of the four excavations, completely covering each tank, with the exception of the valves mounted on small trap doors at the extreme end of each tank. No system of interconnecting pipelines, roadways or pumps of any form were as yet visible on this site.

The two remaining 24,000-liter fuel tanks had been moved down to this main fuel depot, but as yet had not been installed.

3. Inspections:

Since the beginning of December 1954, there have been frequent visits by a party of naval officers to the airfield, the officers being conducted at first but, after about a week, making numerous unescorted visits to the various projects under construction on the airfield. One party of visiting naval officers always used a Mercedes car

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4. Miscellaneous:

- a. The wages paid out to the workers employed by the Bau-Union Brandenburg on this airfield during November 1954 totaled 240,000 eastmarks.
- b. Further projects allocated to the Bau-Union Brandenburg, in addition to those already reported at Querfurt, Eggesin, Ahrenshoop and Falkenberg/Elster, included new sites at Borna near Leipzig and at Kirchmoeser near Burg/Magdeburg.

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